

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the claims:**

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Please insert the following new claims:

- 11. (New) A jacket adapted to cover a wear's chest having a collar adapted to cover the wearer's neck, wherein a front opening of the jacket is closable with a curved slide fastener that is disposed vertically along the anterior midline of the jacket and the slide fastener curves laterally so that the slide fastener is offset from the anterior midline of the collar.
12. (New) The jacket of claim 11, wherein the curved slide fastener is coated with a thermoplastic polymer.
13. (New) The jacket of claim 11, further comprising a hood having a head covering and a face opening, the hood comprising an adjustable drawstring arrangement providing for simultaneous circumferential tensioning of the head covering to secure the hood to the wearer's head and vertical temporal tensioning of the face opening, wherein the drawstring arrangement comprises one or more cranial cord segments encircling the head covering and connected to a top portion of left and right temporal cord segments on each lateral side of the face opening, so that:
  - (a) manual tensioning of the cranial cord segment acts to secure the hood to the wearer's head and to tension the temporal cord segments; or,
  - (b) manual tensioning of either the left or right temporal cord segment acts to tension a cranial cord segment to secure the hood to the wearer's head.
14. (New) The jacket of claim 13 wherein the cranial cord segments are generally horizontal and temporal cord segments are generally vertical.

15. (New) The jacket of claim 13 wherein at least one of the cord segments is elasticated.
16. (New) The jacket of claim 13 wherein the hood comprises a material and the drawstring runs in a channel formed in the material.
17. (New) The jacket of claim 13 wherein the hood further comprises a brim, and the brim comprises an inner cranial cord segment flexibly connected to an outer brim reinforcing member.
18. (New) The jacket of claim 11 further comprising a windowed shoulder pocket.
19. (New) The jacket of claim 13 further comprising a windowed shoulder pocket.--